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NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02254

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

NEEDD-R-24-85-640

September 26, 1985

Site	NEW BEDFORD
Brent	4.1
Other	48611

William J. Butler, Chief  
Planning and Standards Section  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region I  
J.F. Kennedy Building  
Boston, MA 02203

Dear Mr. Butler:

Application no. 24-84-031 by the City of New Bedford Harbor Development Commission to retain unauthorized fill in New Bedford Harbor has been re-opened as application no. 24-85-640. The City proposes to retain 8.5 acres of unauthorized fill and lease the property to four private developers for water dependent activities.

In your letter of July 8, 1985 concerning this proposal, you indicated that you objected to any proposal which would conflict with use of this site for disposal of dredged material. The City maintains that the proposed leases will not preclude disposal of dredged material at the site as bulkheading the area would be necessary to accommodate any sizable quantity of dredged material and provisions for this are being included in the leases.

Additional information is needed from your office to evaluate the importance of this area as a potential disposal site. Has this site been specifically identified as a potential Superfund disposal site? When could a final site selection be expected and how would it be chosen? How much of the hazardous material could be accommodated? How would the Superfund program in New Bedford be affected if this site was not available?

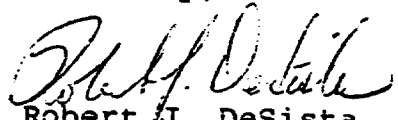
The City of New Bedford is currently identifying alternative upland locations for disposal of non-hazardous dredged material. They will be investigating the possibility of licensing or leasing private industry to develop and operate a disposal facility for use by the various private individuals who need to dredge in New Bedford Harbor but do not currently have an acceptable means of disposal.

We will be contacting the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works for their comments concerning their potential use of the site in conjunction with the replacement of the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge.

We share your concern about the dredged material disposal problems in New Bedford, however, we must evaluate the City's application with the information currently available. It is necessary for us to obtain answers to the above questions in order to evaluate the City's proposal for development of the site. It is important to the City that we act quickly and we ask that you assist us by responding to this request by October 11, 1985.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen K. Adams at 513-647-6492.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Processing Section  
Regulatory Branch  
Operations Division

cc: Ed Reiner, EPA